

Vocabulary Ninja

SPaG Spotter 4



Over 300 pieces of punctuation and grammar for pupils to spot in SPaG's natural habitat.....the sentence!

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| a subordinating conjunction | <u>Whilst</u> was on the phone, my tea was cooking in the oven. |
| the determiners | <u>That</u> car was parked outside <u>my</u> house <u>this</u> morning. |
| a possessive pronoun | I didn't want to share the pizza because it was <u>mine</u> . |
| a noun phrase | <u>The exotic, multi-coloured bird</u> was spotted in Asia. |
| a relative clause | The pen, <u>that is used to mark tests</u> had mysteriously gone missing. |
| a preposition | My brother is lucky because he sits <u>next to</u> his best friend. |
| Can you add? | Add it to the sentence in the correct place. |
| commas to mark an embedded clause | The football boots, which were brand new, were stolen at the weekend. |
| apostrophe to show omission | I won't be able to attend the wedding. |
| a semi colon | I ran 456m; my friend ran 500m. |
| a comma in the list | Some of the things I need to improve are my times tables, my spellings and my reading. |
| brackets to mark parenthesis | The tallest tower (Big Ben) is in London. |